

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 905

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 10 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 13
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 13 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST PRACTICES FOR COLLECTING, STORING, AND SHARING DATA ON HOMELESS YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to determine the best practices for collecting, storing, and sharing data on homeless youth by requesting the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness to convene a working group to address the issue.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department of Education, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Waikiki Health, Rainbow Family 808, Family Voices of Hawaii, Associated Students of Kalaheo, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that unaccompanied runaway and homeless youth are the least recognized homeless population in Hawaii. Each year, outreach programs across the State encounter more than eight hundred youth who are living on the street without support from family or guardians. Your Committee further finds that empirical data on the number of homeless youth and the challenges they face is outdated and not useful in assessing the prevalence of homeless youth. Collecting empirical data on this population is critical to assisting the multiple state departments and

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community agencies working together to address the needs of Hawaii's homeless youth.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to add representatives of the following groups to the working group: Hawaii Youth Services Network, Hale Kipa, Maui Youth and Family Services, Salvation Army Family Intervention Services, Hale Opio Kauai Inc., Waikiki Health, Family Support Hawaii, PHOCUSED, a currently homeless youth, and a formerly homeless youth; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 13, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 13, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Housing,

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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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